

13 MAY 1955 REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1955

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1954 -

Males - 334,867

Females - 314,493

Persons - 649,360

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1954 -

Persons - 354,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	FEBRUARY		2 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	480	451	987	926
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.61	9.28	9.39	9.05
Births - Number	1,313	1,137	2,505	2,405
* Rate per 1000 of Population	26.29	23.39	23.84	23.51
Deaths - Number	391	333	729	787
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.83	6.85	6.94	7.69
Infant - Number	23	19	49	50
Mortality A Rate per 1000 Live Births	17.52	16.71	19.56	20.79
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	2	-	5	2
Malignant neoplasms	60	60	103	125
Diabetes mellitus	4	3	10	10
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	-	1	6
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	49	40	85	97
Diseases of the heart	107	94	209	219
Hypertension with heart disease	21	11	32	28
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	5	11	12
Arteriosclerosis	16	7	21	22
Influenza	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	10	9	28	24
Bronchitis	3	2	4	6
Other respiratory disease	3	2	5	8
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	6	7
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	2	3	10
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	-	3
Cirrhosis of the liver	-	2	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	4	6	11
Disease of the prostate	4	1	5	5
External causes	-	1	1	1
Diseases of early infancy	18	12	32	25
Motor Vehicle accidents	26	17	39	30
Other accidents	13	15	39	37
Homicide	6	7	15	15
All other causes	31	35	68	81
Total:	391	333	729	787

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

A Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, 1955, totalled 173,935 acres, a decrease of 91,871 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,634,109 acres, an increase of 489,347.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,593,930	3,775,631	31,711,957	29,457,938
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 10. 1	5. 13. 11	49. 0. 3	46. 13. 2
Expenditure	3,977,522	3,615,685	33,051,435	31,452,089
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 1. 10	5. 13. 11	51. 1. 8	50. 1. 8

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 31st March, 1955, amounted to £52,521,740 or £30.6.2 per head of population as against £51,090,851 or £30.7.10 per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

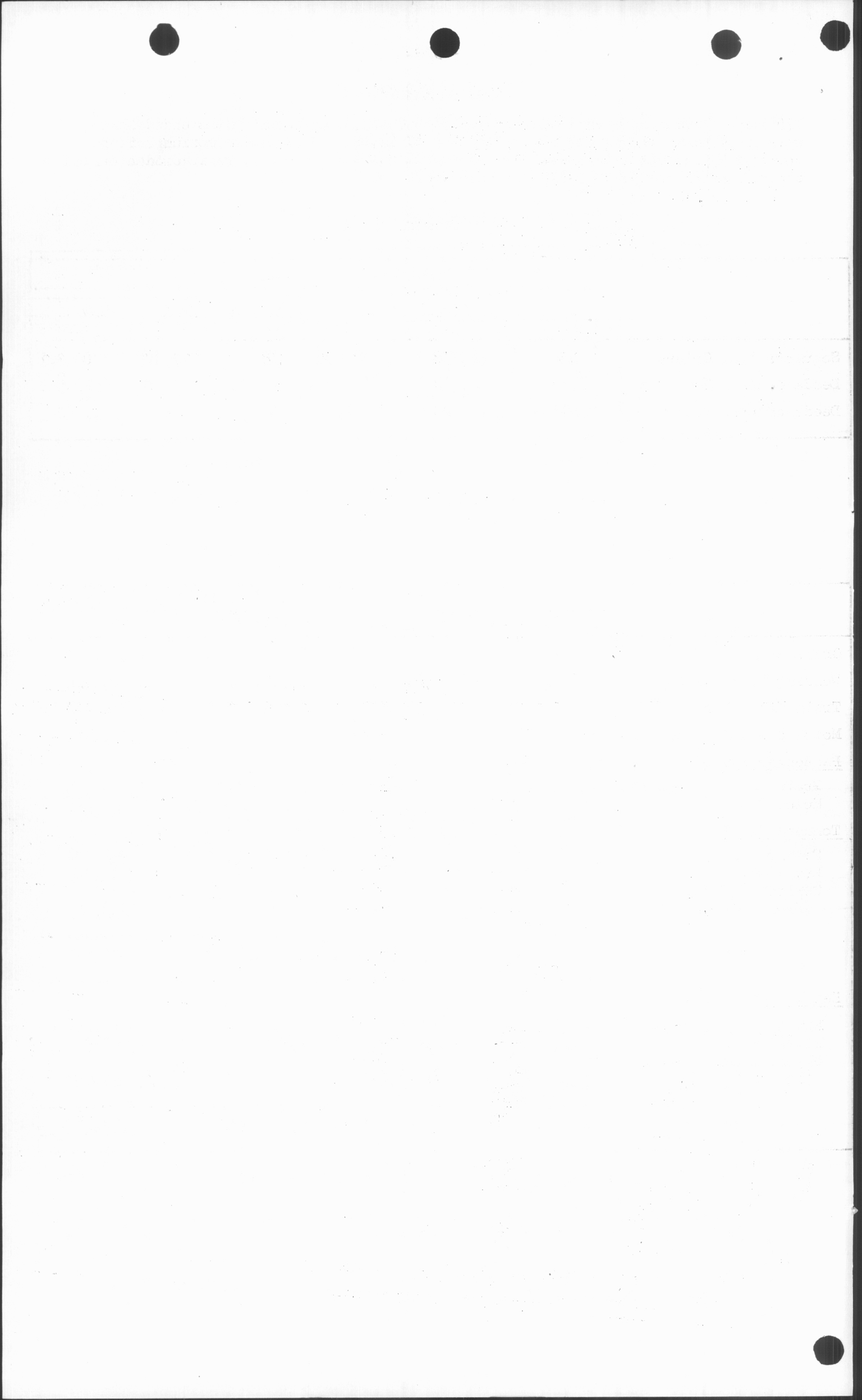
The average weekly clearance for 4 weeks ended 23rd March, 1955, amounted to £14,247,093 compared with £14,261,889 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,838	2,444	17,282	18,037
	£.	2,983,477	4,095,363	26,326,119	26,337,252
Mortgages	No.	1,376	1,777	12,795	14,985
	£.	2,765,502	2,869,661	24,003,489	23,748,580
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	967	1,144	8,563	9,705

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
March, 1955	4,152,009	2,609,115	9,159,007	485,144
March, 1954	3,536,973	2,281,718	7,364,512	496,511
Nine Months ended March, 1955	34,270,612	18,401,130	81,208,009	4,333,679
Nine Months ended March, 1954	29,958,293	19,648,361	70,099,659	4,357,207



COMPANIES REGISTERED

175 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £23,655,500 and 78 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 144 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £11,884,003 and 75 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	43	84,538	39,239	38	117,289	83,101
Deeds of Assignment (a)	21	99,728	124,259	16	69,401	88,546
Deeds of Arrangement	1	1,223	274	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	956,000	953,300	8,101,000	7,310,600
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,029,782	1,061,570	8,903,797	9,004,420
Train Miles Run No.	541,202	560,838	5,046,692	4,744,821
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 122,274	(b) 151,347	(c) 997,609	(c) 1,244,885
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	949,765	918,340	6,376,302	5,614,119
Motor Bus No.	25,683	32,910	233,576	386,561
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	259,828	256,778	2,073,054	1,983,121
Livestock	7,786	8,641	91,730	91,776
Departmental (Free Freight)	72,323	68,822	614,936	505,244
Total:	339,937	334,241	2,779,720	2,580,141
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	41,798,663	42,718,282	347,678,203	337,989,448
Livestock	943,017	1,076,763	12,230,442	12,141,554
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,252,852	9,494,116	77,845,513	71,226,405
Total:	49,994,532	53,289,161	437,754,158	421,357,407

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 5th February.

(c) Period ended 5th February.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
1955 -								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	557	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
1955 -								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for January, 1955:-
92 Cars; 772 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, February, 1955 and 1954, and eight months ended February, 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	3,651	2,751	31,909	26,991	6,676	6,253	45,860	51,402
Interstate	6,958	5,463	61,417	53,440	2,327	923	13,515	13,808
Total:	10,609	8,214	93,326	80,431	9,003	7,176	59,375	65,210

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,830
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1954 -										
March Qr.	715	1,827	944	2,491	22	313	163	990	1,844	5,621
June Qr.	828	2,224	1,195	3,123	22	192	187	1,043	2,232	6,582
September Qr.	771	2,071	1,292	3,431	34	837	261	1,612	2,358	7,951
December Qr.	813	2,133	1,613	4,446	33	202	233	1,370	2,692	8,151

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table(2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1954 -										
March Qr.	568	1,895	82	215	970	2,115	1	1	1,621	4,226
June Qr.	731	2,463	44	107	1,199	2,631	1	1	1,975	5,202
September Qr.	726	2,485	48	109	1,195	2,733	1	1	1,970	5,328
December Qr.	840	2,924	40	99	1,459	3,354	1	1	2,340	6,378

GOLD PRODUCTION

	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	111,675	106,531	240,800	228,875
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	1,744,928	1,650,315	3,762,503	3,545,618
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	NIL	34,375	187,500	109,375

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2,819	2,731	2,824	2,668	2,514	2,348	2,501	2,320
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2,981	2,852	2,942	2,778	2,452	2,407	2,437	2,377
Northam	2,885	2,737	2,854	2,675	2,481	2,360	2,447	2,336
Bunbury	2,866	2,782	2,862	2,696	2,519	2,376	2,483	2,339
Geraldton	2,826	2,816	2,890	2,749	2,643	2,473	2,620	2,443
Collie	2,914	2,804	2,896	2,727	2,326	2,265	2,314	2,235

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519			
April	133,517	42,811	176,328			
May	134,347	42,768	177,115			
June	134,969	42,685	177,654			
July	134,232	42,947	177,179			
August	134,960	42,933	177,893			
September	134,947	43,186	178,133			
October	135,008	43,559	178,567			
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	223	229
February	212	216	217	223	231
March	215	216	220	225	
April	215	215	221	224	
May	216	214	222	224	
June	215	211	220	226	
July	218	211	220	225	
August	217	212	220	225	
September	216	211	220	224	
October	217	212	221	226	
November	217	213	222	227	
December	215	213	223	228	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
27/7/53	£. s. d.	12. 6. 6	£. s. d. 8. 0. 3	£. s. d.	12. 6. 0	£. s. d. 7. 19. 11	£. s. d.	12. 9. 4	£. s. d. 8. 2. 1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	41,619	35,634	340,651	294,517
Units Sent out (1000 K.W.H.)	37,101	31,904	305,216	263,883

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
March, 1955	8,694	214	82,687	10,974
March, 1954	7,687	264	62,828	8,461
9 Months ended March, 1955	90,406	3,620	937,446	127,192
9 Months ended March, 1954	81,314	4,300	848,811	81,076

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
Year 1953	No. 4,074	No. 1,463	No. 2,024	No. 882	No. 6,098	No. 2,345	No. 99	No. 93	No. 2,430	No. 1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955 -										
January (a)	409	215	194	93	603	308	12	14	251	128
February	472	134	168	53	640	187	14	7	197	65
Total 2 months ended February	881	349	362	146	1,243	495	26	21	448	193

(a) Revised.



1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring the integrity of the financial data and for providing a clear audit trail. The text also mentions that this practice helps in identifying any discrepancies or errors early on, which can then be corrected before they become a problem.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the need for transparency in financial reporting. It states that all stakeholders, including investors, creditors, and regulatory bodies, have a right to know the true financial position of the organization. This requires a high level of honesty and openness in all reporting, with no attempt to hide or manipulate the data.

3. The third part of the document addresses the issue of risk management. It explains that every organization faces various risks, and it is essential to have a robust system in place to identify, assess, and mitigate these risks. This involves regular monitoring and evaluation of the risk environment, as well as the implementation of appropriate controls to minimize the potential impact of any adverse events.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining strong relationships with key stakeholders. It notes that a company's success is often dependent on its ability to build and maintain positive relationships with its customers, suppliers, and other partners. This requires effective communication, a commitment to quality, and a willingness to listen to and respond to the needs and concerns of others.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by reiterating the importance of these five key areas: accurate record-keeping, transparency, risk management, and strong stakeholder relationships. It states that by focusing on these areas, an organization can ensure its long-term success and sustainability.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of having a clear vision and mission statement. It explains that these statements provide a sense of direction and purpose for the organization, and they help to align all activities and decisions with the overall goals and objectives. A clear vision and mission statement also helps to attract and retain talent, as well as to build a strong brand identity.

7. The seventh part of the document focuses on the need for innovation and continuous improvement. It states that in a rapidly changing business environment, organizations must be able to adapt and evolve in order to stay competitive. This requires a culture of innovation, where new ideas are encouraged and supported, and where there is a constant focus on improving processes and products.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of having a strong legal and regulatory framework. It explains that organizations must ensure that they are fully compliant with all applicable laws and regulations, and that they have a robust system in place to monitor and enforce this compliance. This helps to minimize the risk of legal action and to ensure the integrity of the organization's operations.

9. The ninth part of the document concludes by reiterating the importance of these nine key areas: accurate record-keeping, transparency, risk management, strong stakeholder relationships, clear vision and mission statement, innovation and continuous improvement, and a strong legal and regulatory framework. It states that by focusing on these areas, an organization can ensure its long-term success and sustainability.

10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of having a strong financial foundation. It explains that a company's financial health is a key indicator of its overall success, and it is essential to have a solid financial base to support all other activities. This requires careful financial planning, budgeting, and control, as well as a commitment to maintaining accurate and up-to-date financial records.

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	MARCH		9 Months Ended MARCH	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath-Heaters - solid fuel	no.	774	1,241	5,708	6,559
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	959	1,074	10,098	6,599
- Clay	'000	9,700	9,077	76,533	67,095
Cement, Portland	ton	11,780	12,047	104,269	90,920
Enamels	gal.	3,254	3,229	29,482	35,306
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	259	188	1,888	1,675
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	26,578	17,449	173,936	131,961
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	920	664	8,155	6,967
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)17,518	(a)17,780	(b)146,433	(b)144,785
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,239	1,025	7,916	6,816
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	1,643	2,732	18,581	19,576
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,686	3,850	41,243	38,777
Sports Coats Men's	no.	593	707	6,951	6,755
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	178	357	3,079	4,217
- 2 piece	no.	1,760	1,833	18,091	19,256
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,912	4,833	39,229	42,409
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	12,440	14,985	109,999	101,912
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	37,499	42,729	306,961	378,115
Sandals	pair	3,448	5,450	133,738	124,008
Slippers	pair	29,773	33,148	302,702	460,500
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	505	672	5,586	5,928
Butter	'000 lb.	335	204	13,742	12,293
Cheese	'000 lb.	16	45	2,125	2,453
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	277	352	2,855	2,597
Jams	'000 lb.	50	58	482	601
Margarine	'000 lb.	144	143	888	860
Oatmeal	cwt.	4,800	11,033	32,918	74,644
Sauce - Tomato	pint	39,162	52,819	477,536	520,165
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	150	143	1,014	1,041
- Nitric	cwt.	16	26	144	156
- Sulphuric	ton	19,398	14,747	119,921	112,338
Cycles, Pedal	no.	602	777	6,414	6,408
Gas Produced	million cu.ft.	109	114	1,079	1,063
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,117	2,041	16,366	14,898
- Woven Wire	no.	1,854	3,778	25,155	23,152
- Soft Filled	no.	4,205	4,107	31,850	33,962
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	89	113	787	832
Utilities (all types)	no.	26	2	261	156
Trailers (all types)	no.	23	24	155	128
Perambulators	no.	69	90	591	827

(a) February figures, March unavailable.

(b) Eight months ended February.

